

This Week in State and Local Government
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NM Gov Martinez Press Release

Governor Susana Martinez declared a state of emergency in response to the waste spill in the Animas River in Colorado. The Governor toured the spill by helicopter and met with local officials in San Juan County. Governor Martinez established a multi-agency response team that has been assisting affected communities, and NMED Secretary Ryan Flynn issued emergency orders allowing for additional hazardous waste funding to be made available to assist with response efforts. Complete release:

http://www.governor.state.nm.us/uploads/PressRelease/191a415014634aa89604e0b4790e4768/Governor_Susana_Martinez_Declares_State_of_Emergency_1.pdf

NMED Web Site Updated

The New Mexico Environment Department has placed several documents on its Web Site about the Gold King Mine Spill. Link: <https://www.env.nm.gov/riverwatersafety/>

ODEQ Announces Open House

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host an open house on August 25 to discuss the Shurden-Leist Industrial Park cleanup. The Shurden-Leist Industrial Park is the result of the combined efforts of DEQ, EPA, and the City of Henryetta to clean up the former Eagle Picher and Victory Metals smelter sites. More:

<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/media/2015news/august/Shurden-Leist%20Open%20House.pdf>

ADEQ Announces E-Waste Grant Applications Available

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is accepting applications for its 2015 electronic waste grants round. The deadline for filing grant applications is Sept. 1, and the ADEQ anticipates announcing the grant recipients by the end of this year. More information:

https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/poa/pi/news_item.aspx?nr=2015-07-07_ADEQ_Announces_E_Waste_Grant_Applications_Available_POA

Mayors Roundtable on Urban Waters Federal Partnership to Convene During Brownfields Conference

HQ OIR continues to work with the Office of Water on planning for the “Connecting Mayors and Local Government Organizations to the Urban Waters Program Roundtable” scheduled to convene on September 2 during the Brownfields Conference in Chicago, Illinois. The Partnership is an innovative union of fourteen Federal agencies seeking to reconnect communities, particularly those that are underserved, with their urban waterways. Twenty-six mayors are being invited by Mike Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, and Mark Rupp, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR), to participate in the roundtable, including New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu.

Administrator Invited to Address MRTI

Administrator McCarthy has been invited to address the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative MRCTI on September 15th in Dubuque, IA. During the Plenary Breakfast, she has been asked to engage the member mayors on the Clean Water Rule. The Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative is a group of mayors leading a coalition in support of efforts to raise the national profile of the Mississippi River basin.

ADEQ to Hold Workshops

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has scheduled a hazardous waste management and pollution prevention on Sept. 17 in Texarkana.

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